## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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## Chincoteague NWR and Wallops Island NWR 2009 – 2010 Hunting Information Available

Refuge Manager Lou Hinds announced that the 2009-2010 Chincoteague and Wallops Island National Wildlife Refuges Big Game and Migratory Bird hunting regulations and applications are available. This year many exciting changes have been made to the hunt program, including an online application available through Kinsail Corporation at <a href="https://www.chincoteaguepermits.com">www.chincoteaguepermits.com</a>. To learn about all of the changes to the hunt please be sure to read the regulations in the hunt brochures. To receive paper regulations and applications contact the refuge at 757.336.6122 ext. 324. Downloadable versions of these documents are available at our web site at <a href="www.fws.gov/northeast/chinco">www.fws.gov/northeast/chinco</a>.

The specifics of each hunt including special regulations, hunt dates, fees, etc are available in the individual hunt brochures for your convenience. Brochures are available concerning the Migratory Bird Waterfowl Hunt and any of the three Big Game Hunts: 1) Chincoteague Archery Hunt, 2) Chincoteague Firearms Hunt 3) Wallops Island NWR Big Game Hunt.

Please ensure that your application meets the deadline to ensure your inclusion in the lottery drawing. Be advised that the lottery drawing will be administered through Kinsail Corporation and all applications must be mailed directly to Kinsail Corporation. The following deadlines are for Big Game hunting only and your application must be received by Kinsail Corporation by close of business on the date indicated.

Application deadlines: Chincoteague Archery Hunt – September 11, 2009

Chincoteague Firearms Hunt - October 2, 2009

Wallops Island Big Game Hunt - September 11, 2009

For additional information please contact the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge at 757.336.6122 ext. 324. People with disabilities and other persons who need special assistance to participate should contact the refuge office. For the deaf and hard-of-hearing, call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.